

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-23 (Canceled).

24. (Currently Amended) A mask for use with a ventilation or a CPAP device, comprising:

a frame; and

a cushion provided to the frame, the cushion, in cross section, having a generally U-shaped configuration defining a face contacting surface, an inner leg of the U-shaped configuration being proximal to the frame and an outer leg defining a distal end spaced away from the frame, wherein the U-shaped configuration ~~defines a recess~~ includes a connecting portion between the first and second legs ~~and positioned opposite to~~ that provides said face contacting surface.

25. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 24, wherein frame includes an inner peripheral portion that is connected to or otherwise provided to the cushion.

26. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 24, wherein the cushion comprises foam material and the frame comprises a shell.

27. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 24, wherein the cushion comprises silicon material and the frame comprises a shell.

28. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 24, wherein the cushion extends from the frame and curves generally away from the frame to form the face contacting surface.

29. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 24, wherein the first and second legs are generally mirror images of one another.

30. (Previously Presented) The mask according to claim 24, wherein the outer leg curves outwardly compared to the frame such that a free end portion thereof is directed away from a patient side of the mask and substantially parallel to the inner leg.

31. (New) The mask according to claim 24, wherein the U-shaped configuration defines a recess between the first and second legs and positioned opposite to said face contacting surface.

32. (New) The mask according to claim 24, wherein said face contacting surface includes a generally convex configuration adapted to contact the patient's face.